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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

[X] Response to Species Election Requirement

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the species election requirement mailed January 2, 2004, Applicant elects species as follows.

For the first species requirement (paragraph 3 of the Office Action), relating to MAGE-A1 HLA-B35 binding peptide comprising SEQ ID NO:10, Applicant elects species A, SEQ ID NO: 8.

For the second species requirement (paragraph 4 of the Office Action), Applicant elects species B, MAGE-A1 HLA class II binding peptides.

To the extent that HLA class I peptides are recited in the claims, Applicant believes that claims 84-87 do not read on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully traverses the first species requirement with respect to species A and B (SEQ ID NO:8 and SEQ ID NO:9). These two peptides differ by one N-terminal amino acid. It is respectfully submitted that the two sequences, even if separately patentable, would present minimal additional burden for the Examiner to search and examine together.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the first species requirement with respect to SEQ ID NOs:8 and 9.

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